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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 15, 2015

FROM: STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, CHIEF
EAST PATROL DIVISION

TO: JACK W. EWELL, CAPTAIN
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:	014-10242-0380-053
Incident:	Category III Use of Force - Canine Bite
Incident Date:	November 10, 2014
Unit:	Special Enforcement Bureau
Suspects:	Mora, Jesus MH/09-13-93
Involved Employees:	Deputy Daryl Gaunt #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	October 15, 2015

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Chief Stephen Johnson and Commanders Kelley Fraser and Ralph Webb met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the force used against the suspect was within Department policy. The EFRC also determined the tactics used were also within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC made no recommendations.

SBJ:JRB:jrb

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

#236 9895

Incident Information

URN: 014-10242-0380-053	Date: 11/10/14		Time: 2051
Location: [redacted] W. 110th Street		City or Station: Los Angeles	
Bureau/Station/Facility: Central/South LA		Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO	
Type of Force: Canine Bite			
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury ○ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO	
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit	☒ Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Quitman Carter	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ○ YES ◉ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Gaunt	First Name: Daryl	Middle I.: L.	Rank: B-1	
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: W	Height: 603	Weight: 205	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM — ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Special Enforcement Bureau		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 240K9-4			
Individual Force Used: Canine Bite		◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist		Individual Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted		Facility:		Coroner Case #	

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	
Sex: ○ M ○ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM — ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
Individual Force Used		○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist		Individual Category: ○1 ○2 ○3	
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☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted		Facility:		Coroner Case #	

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Hayes	Patrick	N.	Sgt.	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Hayes	Patrick	N.	Sgt	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ○

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Chase	Bruce	D.	Lt.

Lt. [signature] — Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**; Date: 11/26/14

Copy Provided to Employee by: [redacted] Emp #: — Date: 12-2-14

Jack W. Ewell — Unit Commander **(Print Name)**

Jack Ewell [signature] — Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #:

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☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Mora | First Name: Jesus | Middle Name: Luis | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: Mora | First Name: Luis | Middle Name: Jose

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: H | Age: 21 | Height: 507 | Weight: 140 | D.O.B: 09-13-93 | Phone #1: (●) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4149-841 | Primary Charge Code: 245 PC | Secondary Charge Code: 2800.2/10851 | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: Captain Salmo | Unit: LA Co Eng #18 | Phone #: (310) 671-5368

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: Centenila Hospital | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Catherine Ross, M.D. | Address: 555 E. Hardy St., Inglewood | Phone #: 310-680-8536

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: Combination | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 11-10-14 | Time: 2222 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use c 'orce
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Juardo	Gilbert	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
SEB	241K9-2	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Phillippi	Jason	H.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
SEB	240K9-9	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Cook	John	A.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
SEB	240K9S	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		34	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		27	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		22	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		17	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Mora, Jesus	S#1	Gaunt, Daryl	E#1	HR	NN	NN
Mora, Jesus	S#1	Gaunt, Daryl	E#1	UC	NN	NN
Mora, Jesus	S#1	Gaunt, Daryl	E#1	RS	NN	NN
Gaunt, Daryl	E#1	Mora, Jesus	S#1	CN	DB	FA
Gaunt, Daryl	E#1	Mora, Jesus	S#1	CN	DB	AR

Canine Deployment - Supervisor's Review

Primary Handler: Gaunt, Daryl	# [redacted]	Canine: Boy	Unit: 240K9-4
Assist Handler: Missel, Dennis	# [redacted]	Canine: Kerel	Unit: 240K9-5
Assist Handler:	#	Canine:	Unit:
Assist Handler:	#	Canine:	Unit:

TYPE OF SEARCH

☒ Area ☐ Other:
☐ Building

TYPE OF INCIDENT

☒ Bite
☐ Other:

BITE OCCURRED WHILE

☐ Apprehending Suspect
☒ Conducting Search
☐ Protecting Handler
☐ Other:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☒ Announcements Were Made
☐ None (Reason):
Announcement Made by: Deputy Gaunt/Deputy Jurado

☐ by Aero Unit
☒ by Radio Car

☒ English
☒ Spanish
☒ Recorded

Criminal History

[redacted]

Notifications

Lieutenant Bruce Chase, Special Enforcement Bureau
Captain Jack Ewell, Special Enforcement Bureau
Lieutenant Quitman Carter, Internal Affairs Bureau
Chief Roberta A. Abner, Homeland Security Division

Suspect Mora is currently on [redacted]

On Monday, November 10, 2014, South Los Angeles Station Deputies [redacted] and E. Rodriguez #[redacted] were patrolling south on Burl Avenue approaching Lennox Boulevard. They saw a male Hispanic adult (later identified as Suspect Mora) driving a tan 1996 Chevrolet Blazer in front of them. The Blazer did not have a license plate. As they neared the Blazer, they saw Suspect Mora look back in their direction. Suspect Mora then accelerated and drove the Blazer at a high rate of speed south on Burl Avenue towards Lennox Boulevard, where a silver Hyundai Accent was stopped at the intersection. Suspect Mora drove at a high rate of speed through the intersection of Burl Avenue and Lennox Boulevard, failing to stop for a posted stop sign. Suspect Mora appeared to drive the Blazer directly at, and intentionally collide with, the silver Accent. The impact of the collision caused the Blazer's rear tires to raise off the ground. Suspect Mora rammed his vehicle into the Accent several more times as he attempted to clear the path for his vehicle in an apparent attempt to flee from the deputies. Suspect Mora then drove west on Lennox Boulevard in the eastbound lanes against the flow of traffic. Prior to this time, the deputies had not activated their emergency lights.

Based upon Suspect Mora's actions, the deputies believed Suspect Mora intentionally drove his vehicle into and collided with the silver Accent. They activated their patrol vehicle's emergency lights an initiated a pursuit in an attempt to stop Suspect Mora for the assault with a deadly weapon (vehicle) against the occupants of the Accent. Deputies requested paramedics to respond to the scene of the collision and treat the victims in the Accent. Deputies pursued Suspect Mora west on Lennox Boulevard, south on Redfern Avenue, and east on 109th Street. Suspect Mora failed to negotiate the south turn at South Felton Avenue and crashed the Blazer into a fence at Buford Elementary School, 5001 109th Street. Suspect Mora exited the driver's door and ran south on South Felton Avenue to east on 109th Street, where deputies lost sight of him. Deputy [redacted] set up a containment of the area using assisting units. Deputy [redacted] described the suspect as 20-25 years old. Deputy [redacted] requested an air unit and K-9 unit to assist with the search for Suspect Mora. An air unit was not able to assist due to the location being in the flight path of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Deputies checked the suspect's Blazer for additional occupants and found the vehicle was unoccupied. They saw the vehicles engine was still running, yet there were no keys in the ignition. A check of the vehicle's V.I.N. revealed the Blazer was reported stolen on October 27, 2014 out of Compton Station's area under file #914-14103-2871-091.

Canine Services Detail personnel responded to assist in the search for the outstanding suspect. Deputy Gaunt #[redacted] and I contacted Deputies [redacted] and Rodriguez, who briefed us about the incident. Deputies [redacted] and Rodriguez said they would be able to positively identify the suspect if they saw him again.

I approved the deployment of a police service dog to search for the outstanding suspect. The deployment of the canine was approved based upon the following:

-The suspect fled from uniformed law enforcement officers, driving marked patrol vehicles with their emergency lights and sirens activated, rather than peacefully submitting to a lawful detention.

-The suspect was driving a stolen vehicle and was described as 20-25 years old.

-The suspect had already showed a wanton disregard for the safety of others by deliberately crashing his vehicle into innocent victims.

-The suspect presented a threat to law enforcement and the community by running into a residential neighborhood after failing to yield to deputies.

-The deputies did not know if the suspect was armed. However, it is not uncommon for suspects using stolen vehicles to be involved in other serious offenses where weapons are involved.

-The suspect hid in a residential area, which gave him the opportunity to conceal himself and carry out an ambush on the law enforcement personnel who were now responsible for locating him.

-The use of a police service dog would provide deputies the ability to locate the suspect from a safer distance, minimizing their exposure while also allowing them to utilize cover and concealment prior to engaging him.

Pre-recorded canine announcements were made via Deputy Gaunt's and Deputy G. Jurado's #[redacted] vehicles' public address systems. Deputy Gaunt played the announcements beginning south on Buford Avenue, to west on 110th Street, to north on South Felton Avenue, and ending at the intersection with 109th Street. Deputy Jurado played announcements on 109th Street between South Felton Avenue and Buford Avenue. The announcements were broadcast in English and Spanish. These pre-recorded announcements advised that a police service dog was going to be deployed. The announcements instructed the suspect to surrender immediately to the nearest deputy sheriff. The announcements also informed the suspect a police service dog was going to be used to find him and he may be bitten when located. The announcements provided the suspect with ample opportunity to surrender and avoid any contact with the police service dog. The announcements were played for approximately 10-15 minutes. There was no response from the suspect to the announcements.

Deputy D. Missel #[redacted] assembled a search team which included his police service dog, Canine "Kerel", Deputy S. Reedy #[redacted] Deputy C. Messerschimdt #[redacted] and Sergeant R. Conti #[redacted] Deputy Missel developed a tactical plan to begin his search on the south side of 109th Street at South Felton Avenue and work east towards Buford Avenue.

Deputy Gaunt assembled a search team which included his police service dog, Canine "Boy", Deputy Jurado, Deputy J. Phillippi #[redacted] Sergeant J. Cook #[redacted] and

myself. Deputy Gaunt developed a tactical plan to begin his search on the northwest corner of 110th Street at South Felton Avenue and work east in a parallel course.

After searching the first two yards, I attempted to make contact with the residents at [redacted] West 110th Street. There was no response to my knocking and ringing of the doorbell. Because the driveway gate on the west side of the property was locked, Deputy Gaunt began his search of the property along the east side of the house. While clearing the backyard, Sergeant Cook contacted an elderly female at the back sliding door. He asked her if she had heard or seen anyone and advised her to stay inside her house. She did not indicate that she had heard or seen anyone in her yard. Deputy Gaunt came to an open, detached garage on the northwest corner of the property. The garage was at the end of the driveway on the west side of the property. There were three vehicles in the driveway. Deputy Gaunt made verbal announcements advising the suspect to surrender and of his intention to deploy a police dog. There was no response from the suspect. Deputy Gaunt ordered his dog to search the driveway area. Deputy Gaunt's dog came back to him after a bit of time with a black sweatshirt in his mouth (the suspect had been described as wearing a long sleeve black shirt or sweatshirt and the dog's interest in the sweatshirt would be indicative of it recently being discarded by a fleeing suspect). Deputy Gaunt directed his dog to search the open garage. Moments after his dog entered the west portion of the garage, Deputy Gaunt heard someone grunt. As he moved towards the noise to investigate, Deputy Gaunt heard Suspect Mora begin to yell. Deputy Gaunt tactically moved to a position where he could see his dog and the suspect. The dog and suspect were about 15-20 feet inside the garage. The area they were in was filled with household items and boxes leaving about a 2 ½-3 foot width space. Deputy Gaunt saw his dog had now set a bite to Suspect Mora's head. Suspect Mora was holding the dog with both hands. Because a bite hold to the head can cause more aggravated injuries, Deputy Gaunt immediately moved towards them to remove Boy. However, prior to doing so, Suspect Mora fought off the dog, pushing him away. But because the suspect had fought off the dog, and the dog had not been directed off the bite by his handler, the dog, as properly trained, immediately re-engaged the suspect, setting a bite hold on his forearm. Because of the tight confines, Deputy Gaunt ordered Suspect Mora to crawl out of the garage. Suspect Mora complied and once it was determined he was unarmed, the canine was immediately removed from the bite by Deputy Gaunt and the suspect was handcuffed by Deputy Phillippi without further incident.

Suspect Mora was approximately 30 feet away from the search team when located and bitten by canine "Boy." The duration of the bite was approximately 25-30 seconds. Suspect Mora had dog bites to the right side of his head, face, right bicep and right forearm. He had some abrasions on his knees that are believed to have occurred during the struggle with the dog and/or while fleeing from deputies and jumping fences.

Suspect Mora was positively identified by Deputy [redacted] as the individual who was driving the stolen Blazer and fled from him.

Suspect Mora was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Engine #18, under the direction of Captain Salmo. He was transported to Centenila Hospital Medical Center, where he was treated under the direction of Doctor Catherine Ross. During his treatment, X-rays showed Suspect Mora had hairline fractures of the right humerus (upper arm) and right forearm at the locations where he was bitten. He received several stitches on his right cheek and the right side of his head, as well as his right arm. Doctor Ross said that all of the wounds were consistent with the canine contact as described. She cleared Suspect Mora for routine booking at South LA Station, pending transfer to LCMC, after booking, for housing.

South LA Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant S. Escobedo #[redacted] Canine Services Detail Lieutenant Bruce Chase #[redacted] and the Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Q. Carter #[redacted] were notified of the incident.

WITNESS INTERVIEWS

Sergeant Conti spoke with [redacted] (MH/34). [redacted] said he heard the announcements while he was outside in front of his house. He said he understood the announcements in English. His statement was audio recorded.

Sergeant Conti spoke with [redacted] (MH/27). [redacted] stated he heard the pre-recorded canine announcements while in his house. His statement was audio recorded.

Sergeant Conti spoke to [redacted] (MH/22). [redacted] is a [redacted] working at the [redacted] where the suspect crashed the Blazer and ran. He said he heard the announcements while patrolling the school grounds on foot. His statement was audio recorded.

I spoke to [redacted] (FH/17). [redacted] house is one house [redacted] of where the suspect was eventually located. [redacted] told me she heard the pre-recorded canine announcements which were broadcast from the patrol vehicles. She was inside her house watching the television and could not understand exactly what was being said. Her statement was audio recorded.

Several residents told us that their houses have been retrofitted with additional soundproofing by LAX authorities due to their houses being in the direct flight path of the airport.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

Immediately after his detention, I asked Mora why he didn't surrender when we made the announcements. He replied, "I didn't hear nothing." I asked him if he heard the canine announcements and he replied, "I was asleep. I swear to God, I didn't hear nothing. I was asleep, sir." The interview was audio recorded.

On November 10, 2014, at approximately 2222 hours, I conducted a video recorded interview with the suspect at Centenila Hospital Medical Center. In the field and at the

hospital prior to recording, Suspect Mora initially spoke to me in clear and understandable English. However, while conducting the video interview, Suspect Mora would go back and forth between English and Spanish. SLA Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] who was dispatched to the hospital to assist with security, was present during the interview and assisted with translating some of the suspect's statements.

I asked Suspect Mora why he had not come out when the canine warnings were broadcast and he said, "Estaba dormido," which means, "I was asleep" in Spanish. I asked him to repeat the statement in English and he responded that he was asleep. He said he was asleep, laying down, then woke up and there was blood everywhere. When I asked him if heard the verbal canine warnings, he hesitated, then repeated that he was asleep. He said he fell asleep in the garage, but had no reason for ending up there. He admitted he did not live at the location. Because of his lethargic behavior, I asked him if he had used any drugs or alcohol earlier. He said he had not used any drugs recently, but a friend had given him something to drink. He thought it was a beer, but he was not sure. He denied any gang affiliation. I asked him why he was running from the police and he said he was scared. I asked him about the stolen car and he replied in Spanish that he did not know what I was talking about. I asked him to tell me where he was bitten by the dog and he just repeated that he woke up to being handcuffed and "blood and lights everywhere." Suspect Mora was fairly uncooperative throughout the video interview process, despite being fairly lucid just prior to turning the recorder on. I ended the interview.

I contacted Detective [redacted] #[redacted] Operation Safe Streets Bureau, and he told me Suspect Mora is a documented Lennox gang associate with the moniker of "Clever."

During the booking process, Deputy [redacted] advised Suspect Mora of his Miranda rights. Suspect Mora chose to speak with Deputy [redacted] During questioning he eventually admitted to Deputy [redacted] that he had been driving the stolen Blazer. He said he had been drinking and had used methamphetamine earlier that night. He said he got the stolen Blazer from a friend that is known to have drugs and guns and he was afraid there might be some in the vehicle, so he fled because he was scared.

The Livescan fingerprint check completed during the booking process revealed that Suspect Mora's true name was Luis Jose Mora, with an actual DOB of 09-03-93 (as opposed to the name he provided at arrest, Jesus Luis Mora, with a DOB of 09-13-93).

CONCLUSION

This force incident occurred as a result of the suspect's actions and decisions. While driving a stolen vehicle after drinking and using methamphetamine, the suspect spotted a radio car and apparently believed the deputies were going to attempt to stop him. He drove the stolen vehicle at a high rate of speed directly into the rear of another vehicle, occupied by uninvolved, unsuspecting innocent victims. The collision caused major damage to the victims' vehicle and, more importantly, serious injury to both victims. Once deputies activated their emergency lights and siren in an attempt to stop the

suspect, he refused to stop and drove at a high rate of speed, as he led deputies on a dangerous pursuit through a residential area. The suspect fled from uniformed deputies driving a marked patrol car with its emergency lights and siren activated, rather than submit to a lawful detention. This pursuit further endangered other uninvolved innocent persons in the area. Once he crashed the stolen vehicle into the fence, Suspect Mora chose to continue his attempts to avoid arrest. He ran through multiple residential yards and eventually attempted to hide in a garage.

Numerous pre-recorded canine announcements were made via vehicle P.A. systems in the area where the suspect was eventually located. Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies were in the area for a prolonged period of time. Verbal announcements, ordering the suspect to surrender, were also eventually made within very close proximity of the suspect, giving the suspect yet more opportunities to surrender to deputies.

The injuries to the suspect were a result of his failure to peacefully surrender. The deployment of the canine to locate a dangerous felony suspect under these conditions was reasonable, measured and within policy. Because the suspect, when ultimately located, struggled and fought with the dog, the dog released his bite and re-engaged several times. It is unusual for a canine to set a bite on the head of the suspect, because it is not a scenario which is taught or reinforced in training, but it sometimes occurs due to the positioning of the suspect when located, or as a reaction to the suspect's actions. The hairline fractures at the location of the bite are also not common, but can occur during a struggle with the dog, particularly if the suspect strikes and tries to pull away, as the dog tries to maintain control as trained. Suspects with a history of chronic substance abuse are also more prone to these types of injuries.

It is clear that the suspect had ample opportunity to surrender, but chose not to. He denied hearing the canine announcements and, as is so often the excuse with hiding suspects, stated he had immediately fallen asleep after running away and hiding, instantly oblivious to the active and ongoing dragnet around him.

Had the suspect simply made his presence known and surrendered peacefully at any point prior to the deployment of the canine into the yard of the open garage where he remained hiding, he would not have come in contact with the police service dog.

CHARGES

The suspect was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245(a)(1) PC, Taking a Vehicle without Owner's Consent, 10851(a) CVC, and Felony Reckless Evading, 2800.2(a) CVC.

The District Attorney filed felony charges of two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245(a)(1) PC, Felony Reckless Evading, 2800.2(a) CVC, Taking a Vehicle without Owner's Consent, 10851(a) CVC, and Hit and Run Driving Resulting in Death or Serious Injury to Another Person, 20001(b)(2) CVC, under case number YA091557.